



GC executive refers disruption to Caput

The Executive Committee of Governing Council met at few hours' notice yesterday afternoon to deal with the situation created by the violent disruption by a group known as the Students for a Democratic Society of a lecture by Prof. Edward Banfield of the University of Pennsylvania on Wednesday.

In addition to members of the Executive Committee, representatives of various campus organizations were invited to be present and speak. Several of those present testified to Prof. Banfield's scholarship.

Almost all the invited visitors contributed to the discussion and there was unanimous condemnation of the action of the SDS, which was characterized as an "inexcusable" and "outrageous" denial of freedom of speech.

The Executive agreed that an immediate response to the incident was essential. In determining the nature of that response, many members expressed themselves as being in a dilemma because of the non-existence of any appropriate disciplinary mechanism except Caput, which, some stressed, was better related to an earlier era.

It became evident during the discussion that no fully satisfactory alternative could be devised in a short time.

The Executive Committee recognized that the recent incident constituted a political challenge to the University's fundamental principles of free speech on its campus and agreed to recommend that the Governing Council reaffirm the current jurisdiction of the Caput as the disciplinary body responsible for dealing with such matters.

It asked the University administration to take appropriate steps to bring the incidents before Caput for investigation and action.

With respect to possible future occurrences of the incidents of the past few days, the Executive Committee instructed the Administration to work in consultation with campus groups to develop a set of guidelines for the protection of freedom of speech and the protection of individuals and groups from physical intimidation and harassment.

The matter of preventive measures necessary for affording this protection was considered one of urgent concern.

The Internal Affairs Committee of Governing Council was asked to develop recommendations in this regard, to be brought to the Governing Council as soon as possible, and in any event not later than the May meeting.

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YOUR COMMENTS ARE INVITED

The Bulletin invites members of the University community to submit letters of comment on the issues involved in the Banfield incident. Please be as brief as possible as, because of limitations of space, it may not be possible to publish lengthy letters in their entirety.

The President's statement

President John Evans yesterday sent the following statement in the form of a letter to members of the faculty:

Professor Edward Banfield, invited to this University by the American Studies Committee for a series of lectures and seminars, was prevented from giving a lecture in the West Hall of University College yesterday afternoon. A group occupied the platform, threatened violence, and prevented Professor Banfield from speaking. I deplore what everyone in the University must view as a disgraceful infringement of the right of a member of the University or a guest to express possibly unpopular or controversial views and be assured of a fair hearing. Views can be contested rationally and reasonably, but preventing those views from being heard negates one of the essential functions and purposes of the University. I have written to Professor Banfield apologizing to him for the treatment he received as a guest in our community.

During the last five years there have been several occasions when differing opinions among groups on the campus have led to serious confrontation. Throughout this period the University has consistently attempted to provide every opportunity for the expression of such differences. Although on some occasions, one group or another has attempted to force its views upon others and prevent reasoned debate, the University has generally rejected recourse to force, even when there was significant provocation. This time the issue is clear. The right of free speech and assembly has been deliberately and purposefully attacked. It is necessary for the University to reassert its commitment to its principles and to develop effective measures to secure them.

These events highlight the major policy issues which remain to be debated and resolved in the matter of non-academic discipline and the mechanisms necessary and acceptable for maintaining order when one group on the campus acts in a

way which clearly infringes the rights of others. At present the campus security forces are of a size adequate for maintaining the security of buildings, patrolling the campus, and dealing with incidents involving small numbers of people. Experience has demonstrated, however, that this force is not adequate in size for dealing with large crowds or major breaches of the peace. Nor indeed is it clear that the University community as a whole wishes to see this force expanded to a level which would permit it to assume wider police functions. Such an expansion would constitute a major departure from the traditional practice of the University in this respect.

Although the present force is not suited to coping with large crowds and cannot prevent a group of determined demonstrators from entering a building, there exists a strong feeling on the campus that Metropolitan Police should be called on the campus only as a last resort when serious danger to life or property exists. The powers which the Metropolitan Police assume when they come on the campus are clearly defined and result in their assumption of full authority to deal with any offence which has been committed. Thus in order to secure their assistance the University must surrender all control of disciplinary policy - a surrender which has in the past been resented by a majority of the University community.

Clearly the development of a situation on the campus where confrontation has changed to physical intimidation requires urgently that agreement be resolved on appropriate mechanisms to secure freedom of expression in the face of such threats. I shall raise these policy issues as a matter for immediate deliberation and action in the Governing Council. Meanwhile these discussions will be greatly facilitated if all groups in the University will give serious and sustained attention to clarifying and defining their views on the practical policy issues involved.

UC Alumnae Association Symposium 1974 on Canadian writing to be held on March 30

"Literature of our Land" - an examination of cross-country currents in Canadian writing - is the theme of the 1974 UC Alumnae Association Symposium, to be held Saturday, March 30, at 10 a.m. in Hart House Theatre.

The chairman is Prof. Phyllis Grosskurth, Department of English, U.C. Participants are Harold Horwood, author, Beachy Cove, Nfld; Prof. R. Grant MacGregor, University of Calgary; Prof. Dawn Aspinall, University of British

Columbia; Hubert Aquin, author, Montreal; W. O. Mitchell, writer-in-residence, U of T; Prof. Eli Mandel, York University.

Admission is by tickets only. Tickets, at \$8.50 each, are available from Alumni House, 47 Willcocks St., Toronto M5S 1A1.

Further information may be obtained from Mrs. A. Agnew, chairman, Program Committee, UC Alumnae Association (922-2222).

Caput asked to probe disruption

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The Executive Committee made it clear that its actions were in no way intended to preclude any action in the meantime considered necessary for the protection of freedom of speech and physical safety.

On Tuesday afternoon, Prof. Banfield was not allowed to read his prepared text, although he answered questions, many of them hostile, from the audience. When he attempted to leave, protesters surrounded him and, as professors escorted him from the room, shouting insults.

In a letter delivered to Prof. Banfield by hand, President John Evans said he regretted that "your visit to us has been seriously marred by the disruption of your seminar and lecture." Dr. Evans also affirmed that "freedom of expression of views, including views which may be unpopular, is a central function of the University."

Demonstrators again surrounded and also occupied the podium in University College West Hall on Wednesday where Prof. Banfield was to lecture, and he was not able to speak at all. After consultation with his hosts, Prof. Banfield decided to cancel a seminar he was to give on Thursday, and he returned to the U.S.A. on Thursday morning.

As a result of these incidents, Dr. Evans sent a letter on Thursday to all faculty members, the text of which is carried in today's Bulletin.

Asked for comment on the events of the past two days, the chairman of the host committee, the Dean of Arts and Science, the chairman-to-be of Wednesday's abortive lecture, the president of the Faculty Association, and the president of the Students' Administrative Council were unanimous in their objection to the infringement of free speech.

Said Prof. Barrie Hayne, chairman of the American Studies Committee:

"Prof. Banfield was asked to be the American Studies lecturer this year for the same reasons as have prompted the committee's invitations in the past to such scholars as Henry Nash Smith, Alfred Kazin, Clark Kerr, Daniel Aaron, Leo Marx: his distinction as a scholar, and his view of American culture as a specialist in more than one discipline. He came to the University, that is to say, as an urbanologist and a political scientist.

"The President's letter enunciates the principle involved, that of academic freedom of expression, without which a university abdicates its traditional role as a place of light, of liberty, of learning. Those who prevented Prof. Banfield from speaking infringed, obviously, not only his right to be heard, but also the rights of a great many who came to hear him."

Dean Robert A. Greene, Arts and Science, issued the following statement: "The actions of those who by intimidation and implied threats of violence contributed to the cancellation of Prof. Banfield's lecture are indefensible. As an invited guest of the American Studies Committee and as a well-known and respected scholar, Prof. Banfield had an undisputed right to be heard. I believe that the majority of the University community is utterly opposed to such conduct and will support immediate and appropriate disciplinary action against those who interfered with the freedom of

Prof. Banfield to speak and the freedom of those who wish to hear and debate to do so."

Prof. Stefan Dupre, chairman, Political Economy, who was to have presided at the lecture in West Hall, made this comment, stressing that he was commenting on Wednesday's events only:

"Yesterday, academic freedom was denied at the University of Toronto by the use of physical intimidation. This makes it quite plain that as a University community we are for the time being unable to guarantee freedom of speech for our guests. The sooner we realize that this is the case, the better."

Emphasizing that he was speaking only for himself, Prof. W. H. Nelson, president of U of T Faculty Association, had this to say:

"I think it simply outrageous that the administration of the University failed in its primary responsibility of protecting freedom of speech and assembly on the campus for academic purposes."

Robert M. Anderson, president of the Students' Administrative Council, released the following statement after a meeting of the SAC executive on Wednesday evening:

"The Students' Administrative Council executive believes that the invitation issued to Prof. Edward Banfield to speak at the University of Toronto campus was both injudicious and unnecessarily provocative. The SAC executive wishes to affirm its belief in the right to free speech as well as the right to carry on complete and open criticism and debate at any function within the University. The SAC executive repudiates the actions undertaken by the Students for a Democratic Society on Wednesday afternoon in physically preventing Prof. Banfield from speaking. Such actions are regarded as violations of the above principles."

Alfred Chaiton, president of the Graduate Students' Union, released the following statement of the GSU executive:

"The executive of the Graduate Students' Union regrets that certain individuals within the University community are attempting opportunistically to take advantage of the heated emotional atmosphere arising from Wednesday's events in order to override the results of many months of rational discussion among all sectors of the University community on the Code of Behaviour."

"We re-affirm the results of those past negotiations. An agreement was reached not to proceed with the non-academic sections of the Code. A mechanism for resolving the outstanding disagreements over discipline has been agreed to in good faith. It should not be hastily abandoned by over-reacting to a single incident."

"We question the wisdom of the American Studies Committee for violating the principles of academic integrity by inviting a speaker whose work is of dubious scientific value, and whose appearance on campus was certain to provoke disruption, as it has elsewhere in North America. Few would uphold the right of free speech which is certain to be provocative in this way."

"We also question the unilateral action of the Students for a Democratic Society in preventing Prof. Banfield from speaking without consulting anyone else in the University. Under the circumstances, this was not the most effective way of dealing with Prof. Banfield's views."

STAFF NOTES

Applied Science and Engineering

PROF. A. N. VENETISANOPOULOS has given the following lectures: "Communications Over Undersea Acoustic Channels", Nov. 2, to the Department of Electrical Engineering, University of Maryland; "Design of Two-Dimensional Recursive Filters", on Nov. 26 to the Department of Engineering and Applied Science, Yale University; "Design of Circularly Symmetric, Two-Dimensional Recursive Filters", on Jan. 31 to the Department of Electrical Engineering, University of Ottawa.

Music

DEAN JOHN BECKWITH spoke at the Winter Arts Festival of the University of Victoria, B.C., on Feb. 1, on "A Pattern for Canadian Music Criticism".

Forestry

PROF. D. V. LOVE attended a conference on Curriculum Development in Forest Schools of North America, at Berkeley, Calif., Jan. 10 to 12. He presented a paper on "Curriculum Development at the Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto".

'Science and medicine: the moral dimension'

The lecture series "Science and Medicine: the moral dimensions" continues on March 18 when Prof. H. Krever, Q.C., University of Western Ontario speaks on "Minors and Consent to Treatment".

On March 28 Prof. M. M. Gustafson, University Professor of Theological Studies, University of Chicago, talks on "Genetic Screening and Human Values: An Analysis".

The first lecture was given on March 11 by Dr. H. K. Beecher, Harvard Medical School on "The Right of the Patient to be Let Alone".

The series is sponsored by St. Michael's College and the U of T Faculty of Medicine, and takes place in the Medical Sciences auditorium at 8 p.m.

Holiday pay available to teaching assistants

The Office of the Vice-President and Provost has drawn to the attention of graduate students who were teaching assistants during the 1971-72 and/or the 1972-73 sessions that they may be entitled to vacation pay. A notice from the Provost's office says:

"You may be entitled to vacation pay if you were engaged as a teaching assistant, demonstrator, marker, or tutor during these two sessions."

"You may claim your entitlement by (1) completing a claim form available upon request from the department in which you were engaged, and (2) submitting this form to the chairman of that department."

"All validated claims will be paid promptly."